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SUBJECT: GOG SPOKESMAN REVIEWS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PAST
TWO MONTHS AND REBUTS CARAMANLIS' CRITICS

-- RESTORATION OF FREEDOM TO AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES
AND REINSTATEMENT OF ELECTED BOARDS OF BAR ASSOCIATIONS

3. LAMBRIAS ADDRESSED GOG'S CRITICS OF TOO HASTY MOVEMENT
TOWARD ELECTIONS BY RECALLING THAT SAME PERSONS IRONICALLY
QUESTIONED AT FIRST GOG'S INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO
HOLDING ELECTIONS AND NOTING THAT ALL POLITICAL ELEMENTS
INCLUDING GOVERNMENT ITSELF ARE IN EQUAL STATE OF
UNPREPAREDNESS BUT THAT NEW GOVERNMENT BASED ON POPULAR
SOVEREIGNTY IS ESSENTIAL. SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS
BY DISMISSING CRITICISM AGAINST ANNOUNCED ELECTORAL SYSTEM
WHICH ENJOYS POPULAR SUPPORT AND TRADITION OF NUMEROUS
PREVIOUS NATIONAL ELECTIONS. HE ADDED THAT GOG HAS ATTEMPTED
TO BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE OF POPULAR SOVERIGNTY WHICH CAN BE
REALIZED ONLY THROUGH ELECTIONS

4. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION, LAMBRIAS SAID LEGALIZATION
OF COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY ABOLITION OF
SPECIAL SERVICES AND SURVEILLANCE AGAINST COMMUNISTS. RESPONDING
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TO QUERY WHETHER PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC WOULD APPOINT PREMIER, LAMBRIA
S
REMARKED NATURE OF REGIME REMAINED OPEN QUESTION TO BE
SETTLED BY POPULAR DECISION. ASKED WHETHER EX-PRESIDENT
PAPADOPOULOS COULD FORM PARTY, LAMBRIAS REPLIED "GOVERNMENT IS
NEITHER WILLING NOR AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE SUCH FORMATION
UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION." ON FURTHER INQUIRY RE CONSTITUTIONAL
NATURE OF GOVERNMENT, LAMBRIAS SAID GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET
TAKEN CLEAR DECISION BUT "WE ARE ADVANCING TOWARD A REFORMATION
PARLIAMENT." FINALLY, LAMBRIAS GAVE ASSURANCE OF EQUAL
TREATMENT TO ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, INCLUDING KKE IN ACCESS TO
NEWS MEDIA

5. ON SEPTEMBER 25 GOG GAZETTED CONSTITUENT ACT DETAILING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELECTION OF TWELVE DEPUTIES-AT-LARGE AND
LEGISLATIVE DECREE ON REINFORCED PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION
ELECTORAL SYSTEM (ATHENS-6969), INCLUDING PROVISION THAT
ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD THIRTY DAYS AFTER THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT
BY GOG.

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